

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Dawson County) Application No. 911-023.17
Public Safety Answering Point,)
Lexington, seeking funding) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
approval for recurring and non-) REQUEST IN PART
recurring costs of Enhanced)
Wireless 911 implementation.) Entered: December 18, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated August 30, 2007, Dawson County Public Safety Answering Point, Lexington, (Dawson County) sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Dawson County sought non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$862.86** for the purchase and installation of equipment necessary to implement enhanced wireless 911 service. Specifically, Dawson seeks funding for the purchase of two 1000 VA uninterruptible power supplies (UPS) for its Viper system.

Dawson County provided supporting documentation for the equipment and associated expenses from its vendor. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Dawson County's request at its November 26, 2007 meeting and recommended that the Commission deny the request.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

This request for additional funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-470. (Cum. Supp. 2006), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002 and the Interim Policy established in Progression Order No. 1 in Commission Docket No. 911-017/PI-116, entered February 13, 2007 (Interim Policy).

Although the Advisory Board recommended denial of the funding request, it should be noted that the Board has previously recommended approval of funding for UPS for Frontier, Hamilton, Dixon, Buffalo and Hall Counties. The Commission also approved payment in those instances. Therefore, based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the past recommendations of the Advisory Board on similar equipment, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that costs requested, subject to the limitations set forth below, are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as all costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or

operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

This funding request was received subsequent to February 16, 2007. Pursuant to the Interim Policy, the Commission therefore considers this funding request for partial reimbursement subject to the wireless/landline allocation factor established in the Commission's February 17, 2007 order of 55% (fifty-five percent) wireless and 45% (forty-five percent) wireline.

Therefore, the request for funding should be granted, in part, in the amount of **\$474.57** in non-recurring costs.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Dawson County, or its designee, the amount of **\$474.57** consistent with the terms of this order. Dawson County may request that these amounts be paid directly to the vendor.

Should Dawson County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request not approved it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

The Commission reserves the right to modify any recurring costs associated with this funding request consistent with amendments to the Interim Policy or the establishment of a permanent funding mechanism. Furthermore, should the allocation factor be modified in the future, the Commission reserves the right to reconsider Dawson County's request.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Dawson County the amount of **\$474.57** consistent with the terms of this order for the equipment necessary to provide enhanced wireless 911 service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED should Dawson County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request not approved, it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 18th day of
December, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director